GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY OVER- BRIDGES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway over-bridges in Tamil Nadu which are under construction;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on these bridges so far;

(c) whether construction work on some of the bridges is going behind the time schedules;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of these bridges ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Inclusive of works sanctioned in the Works Programme of 2006- 07, at present, 102 works of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges (ROB/RUBs) are sanctioned on cost sharing basis falling in the State of Tamil Nadu. Out of these 8 have been completed and commissioned during the year upto 31.12.2006; at 20 locations physical work is going on, and remaining are in different stages of Planning and Designing. 38 new works have also been included in the Works Programme of 2007-08.

(b): Expenditure incurred on 20 on-going works upto February 2007 is Rs. 41.65 crore.

(c): Yes, Sir. The work at following 4 ROB locations is behind schedule:

i. Level Crossing (LC) No. 20 at Ukkadam bye-pass
ii. LC No. 100 at Morappur
iii. LC No. 145 at Ondipudur and
iv. LC No. 202 at Chidambaram.

(d) Delay is mainly on account of

(i) Contractual problems as a result of increase in rates of construction material, labour rates etc.

(ii) time taken by State Govt. in approval of General Arrangement Drawings and Estimates

(iii) Land acquisition problem for approaches and also

(iv) delays in removal of encroachments, public utility services falling in the way

(e): Zonal Railways have taken steps to expedite construction of ROBs at 4 locations viz.
i. LC No. 20 at Ukkadam bye-pass
ii. LC No. 100 at Morappur
iii. LC No. 145 at Ondipudur and
iv. LC No. 202 at Chidambaram.